

Should Queen Mary Students' Union disaffiliate from the National Union of Students (NUS)?

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What do you want?

For the Students' Union to disaffiliate from the National Union of Students - this includes NUS and the NUS Charity.

Why do you want it?

Recently the NUS, for the first time in its entire history, removed its democratically elected President. The removal of an elected leader is an affront to the democratic nature that the NUS purports to obtain.

Despite its commitment to anti-racism, the NUS has contributed to the spread of anti-Palestinian racism. This punitive reaction reflects a political context that has sought to toxify Palestine and is part of a wider pattern of endemic and systematic bigotry and prejudice. The Association of Student Activism for Palestine has said that [the removal of the elected President Shaima Dallali is a direct attack on pro-Palestine student activism](#).

The NUS has long ignored calls from Muslim students, organisations and the representative Muslim student body Federation of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS) – who have said that [NUS is no longer a safe space for Muslim students](#).

We continue to pay high affiliation fees to NUS, despite NUS scaling back significantly on its activities and campaigns. These fees should be reinvested into the wider student experience.

What impact will this have?

This will provide students a further means of having a democratic say in how the Union is organised and how our money is spent.